

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Amend Figs. 7, 8A and 8B by adding the legend "Prior Art." Replacement drawings that incorporate this amendment are enclosed.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the application and are in condition for allowance except for the formal matters set forth in the Office Action. Prosecution on the merits is closed.

Specification

The specification is objected to because the abstract of the disclosure contains legal phraseology (“means”).

Applicant amends the abstract as shown above and requests reconsideration.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because Figs. 7, 8A and 8B do not include a legend such as “Prior Art” but they illustrate only that which is old.

Applicant amends the drawings as explained above and as shown on replacement drawings included herewith and requests reconsideration.

Claims

Claims 8-13 are objected to for being in improper form. The Office Action refers to 37 CFR 1.75(c) and MPEP 608.01(n), which pertains to multiple dependent claims; however, the sentence is incomplete and does not explain what is thought to be improper.

According to MPEP 608.01(n), there are two possible grounds for objection:

- a multiple dependent claim does not refer to other claims in the alternative; or
- a multiple dependent claim depends on another multiple dependent claim.

Applicant respectfully traverses this objection to claims 8-13 because none of these claims are multiple dependent claims.

With regard to claim 8, for example, it refers only to claim 3. Similarly, claims 9 and 10 refer only to claims 4 and 5, respectively, and claims 11, 12 and 13 refer only to claims 3, 4 and 5, respectively.

Claims 7 and 11-13 are objected to for reciting the phrase “can be.”

Applicant amends these claims to replace this phrase with the word “are” and requests reconsideration.

CONCLUSION

Applicant amends the application as shown above and requests reconsideration in view of these amendments and the preceding remarks.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enc. Replacement drawings for Figs. 7, 8A, 8B